Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Is there enough beds for the in-patients?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—This question has been answered.

Grant-in-aid dispensaries.

375. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when grant-in-aid dispensaries were first started in the State;

(b) how many of them are there now?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) In 1103.

(b) 18.

Conversion of the grant-in-aid dispensary at Pazhanji into a Government dispensary.

376. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Will the Government be pleased to state the difficulties on the Government side to convert the present grant-in-aid dispensary, Pazhanji, into a Government dispensary?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Stringency of funds is the chief reason as it would mean an initial cost of about Rs. 15,000 and a recurring expenditure of about Rs. 5,000 per annum.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know what the average attendance of patients in this Hospital is?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The number was given in answer to a question yesterday. It will be about 25 or 30.

Remarks of the Honorary visitor to the Chalakkudi Hospital, His Highness the 21st Prince.

377. Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the remarks made by the Honorary visitor to the Chalakkudi Hospital, His Highness the 21st Prince of Cochin last year;

(b) was any action taken on it?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes. A copy is placed on the table.

(b) The improvements referred to will be taken up as funds permit.

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